

### 2015 GJCL MYTHOLOGY EXAM

**FILL IN the first four blocks of the SCANTRON SHEET with YOUR OWN four-digit code and the next four blocks with the code for THIS EXAM –1006. FILL IN COMPLETELY the space on the answer sheet corresponding to the correct answer for each question. DO NOT WRITE ON THE EXAM ITSELF.**

1. The Greek word for “myth” means all **but** which of the following?  
a) word b) speech c) invention d) story
2. According to Hesiod, Gaia was born from whom/what?  
a) Zeus b) Chaos c) Night d) Mnemosyne
3. In Ovid’s *Metamorphoses*, what happens when Phaëthon drives his father’s chariot?  
a) he loses control of the chariot b) the Earth catches fire c) Jupiter strikes the chariot with lightning d) all of the above
4. In Hesiod’s *Theogony*, why does Cronos swallow his children?  
a) the Greeks practiced cannibalism b) it was fated that one of his sons would overthrow him c) to absorb their divine power and become stronger himself d) in order to give birth to them himself and become a father and mother
5. Which of the following is *not* one of Ovid’s Ages of Man?  
a) golden age b) iron age c) age of heroes d) bronze age
6. Which of these authors does *not* write about Prometheus?  
a) Vergil b) Hesiod c) Aeschylus d) Ovid
7. Hephaestus is the god of:  
a) fire and metalwork b) thunder and lightning c) war d) the hearth
8. With which animal is Athena associated?  
a) eagle b) peacock c) horse d) owl
9. How does Solon define happiness, in the story told by Herodotus?  
a) having a lot of wealth b) having many friends c) ending one’s life well d) having a large family
10. Who are Achilles’ parents?  
a) Zeus and Hera b) Peleus and Thetis c) Anchises and Aphrodite d) Ares and Hecuba
11. Which of the following is a characteristic of Poseidon?  
a) god of the sea b) brother of Hades c) carries a trident d) all of the above
12. How is Athena born?  
a) from sea-foam b) from Zeus’ head c) from Zeus’ wife, Hera d) none of the above
13. With which building is Athena associated?  
a) Pantheon b) temple at Delphi c) Areopagus d) Parthenon
14. Which of the following are attendants of Aphrodite?  
a) Graces b) Muses c) Nereids d) Maenads
15. For whom does Aphrodite bring a statue to life in Ovid’s *Metamorphoses*?  
a) Protagoras b) Pygmalion c) Orpheus d) Anchises
16. In which text does Plato write about Eros?  
a) the *Republic* b) the *Apology* c) the *Symposium* d) *Euthyphro*
17. Who is Artemis’ twin?  
a) Apollo b) Hera c) Aphrodite d) Ares
18. Which queen in Ovid’s *Metamorphoses* boasts that she is more worthy of praise than Leto because she has more children?  
a) Hera b) Jocasta c) Arachne d) Niobe
19. Which god slays a dragon in order to establish a temple at Pytho?  
a) Zeus b) Apollo c) Hades d) Poseidon
20. How does Apollo punish Cassandra for not returning his love?  
a) he turns her into a tree b) he makes it so that no one will believe her prophecies c) he takes away her immortality d) he makes it so that she can never bear children
21. Which god(dess) invents the lyre?  
a) Apollo b) Artemis c) Hermes d) Athena
22. Which god does Pentheus refuse to worship in Euripides’ *Bacchae*?  
a) Dionysus b) Zeus c) Hades d) Hermes
23. Which mythical figure falls in love with his own image?  
a) Echo b) Narcissus c) Icarus d) Chiron

24. Who founded the city of Thebes?  
a) Theseus b) Prometheus c) Cadmus d) Pentheus
25. To whom does Europa give birth after being raped by Zeus?  
a) Minos b) Theseus c) the Minotaur d) Agenor
26. How is Oedipus rewarded after he solves the sphinx's riddle?  
a) he marries Creon's sister b) he becomes king c) immense wealth d) a and b
27. Which prophet was famously blind?  
a) Cassandra b) the Delphic oracle c) Homer d) Tiresias
28. Why did Agamemnon sacrifice his daughter Iphigenia?  
a) it was customary to sacrifice one's firstborn daughter b) to gain favorable winds to sail to Troy c) she had betrayed her family d) to ensure a good harvest for the next decade
29. Which playwright does *not* write a play titled *Electra*?  
a) Aeschylus b) Euripides c) Sophocles d) none of the above
30. Who were Helen of Troy's parents?  
a) Zeus and Leda b) Zeus and Hera c) Castor and Clytemnesta d) Priam and Hecuba
31. Who throws the apple inscribed with the words "for the most beautiful" that causes the judgement of Paris?  
a) Zeus b) Aphrodite c) Hera d) Eris
32. Who is the king of Troy during the Trojan War?  
a) Paris b) Hector c) Priam d) Aeneas
33. Which of the following kings were *not* fighting against the Trojans?  
a) Diomedes b) Agamemnon c) Nestor d) none of the above
34. Whose son kills Priam at the end of the Trojan War?  
a) Odysseus b) Achilles c) Nestor d) Ajax
35. Whose death draws Achilles back to battle in the Trojan War?  
a) Patroclus b) Hector c) Ajax d) Priam
36. Whose idea is it to construct the "Trojan Horse"?  
a) Agamemnon b) Epeus c) Odysseus d) Achilles
37. For which king must Heracles perform his twelve labors?  
a) Eurystheus b) Electryon c) Amphitryon d) Pterelaus
38. What does Aegeus leave for his son under a rock for when he comes of age?  
a) sandals b) a helmet c) a sword d) a and c
39. Who is "the man with one sandal," whom Pelias is told to beware?  
a) Theseus b) Jason c) Perseus d) Heracles
40. Whose mother does Zeus visit as a shower of gold?  
a) Heracles b) Minos c) Helen of Troy d) Perseus
41. Who recorded the foundation myths of Rome in the first book of his *Ab Urbe Condita*?  
a) Livy b) Seneca c) Vergil d) Cato
42. Who in Vergil's *Aeneid* said, "I fear the Greeks even when they bear gifts"?  
a) Aeneas b) Hector c) Laocoön d) Anchises
43. Which god(dess) is not a member of the Capitoline Triad?  
a) Jupiter b) Mars c) Juno d) Minerva
44. With which Greek equivalent does Mercury come to be identified?  
a) Hermes b) Ares c) Poseidon d) Hades
45. The cult of which Greek hero is introduced to Roman religion?  
a) Perseus b) Theseus c) Jason d) Heracles
46. Which peoples inhabited Italy before Rome was founded?  
a) Etruscans b) Sabines c) Latins d) all of the above
47. Which god(dess) is constantly inhibiting Aeneas in Vergil's *Aeneid*?  
a) Jupiter b) Juno c) Venus d) Neptune
48. Which author does *not* relate a version of the story of Romulus and Remus?  
a) Livy b) Ennius c) Vergil d) none of the above
49. During which period did the prevalence of traditional Greek religion decline?  
a) Classical period b) Hellenistic period c) Archaic period d) Dark Ages
50. Which work was important in bringing about the revival of classical mythology in the Middle Ages?  
a) Ovid's *Metamorphoses* b) Homer's *Iliad* c) Hesiod's *Theogony* d) Vergil's *Aeneid*

## 2015 GJCL Mythology Key

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